

Discovering Hinduism

Learning objective: To understand the key beliefs, symbols, and practices of Hinduism.

Max the monkey is helping to organise a display about world religions. Answer the following questions to help him complete the project!

Word bank: Brahman · Diwali · Mandir · Om · Karma · Reincarnation

1. What is the name of the place of worship for Hindus? (1 mark)

2. Hinduism teaches that there is one supreme spirit or universal soul that everything is part of. What is the name for this? (1 mark)

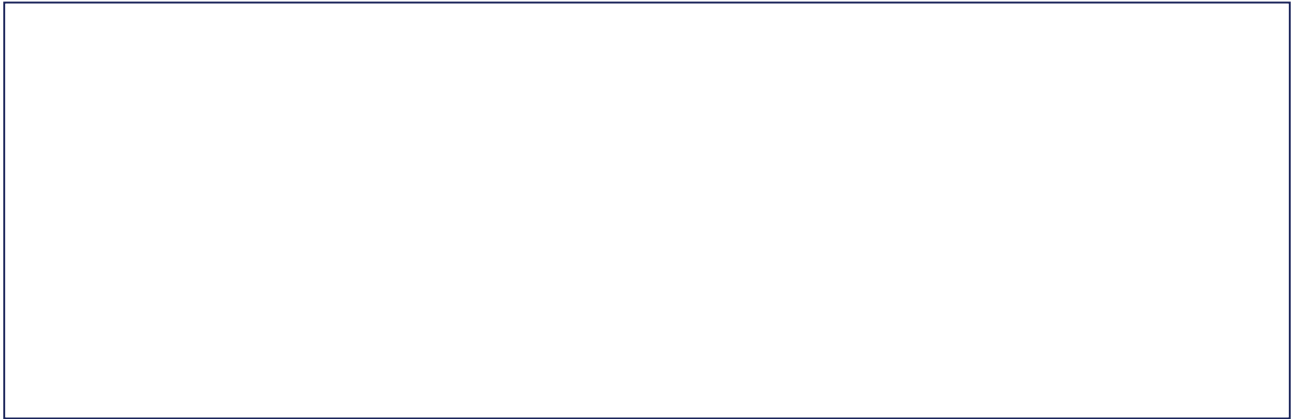
3. Explain what 'Karma' means and how it might affect a person's life. (2 marks)

4. Which famous Hindu festival is known as the 'Festival of Lights', and how is it celebrated? (2 marks)

5. The symbol 'Om' is very important in Hinduism. What does this symbol represent to many Hindus? (2 marks)

6. Imagine you are visiting a Mandir. Describe two things you might see or do to show respect during your visit. (2 marks)

Draw: In the box below, draw a traditional Diya lamp used during Diwali. Use bright colours to show the light shining out!



Extension challenge: Can you research the different forms (avatars) that Brahman can take, such as Ganesha or Vishnu? Write a sentence explaining what one of these deities is known for.